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THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES BLACK WOMEN WRITE BLACK WOMEN

Black History Month Book Discussions Highlight Literature By and About Black Women

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library is proud to announce the annual Black History Month book discussion, *Black Women Write Black Women*. This year the focus will be placed on the Alice Childress play, *Wine in the Wilderness*, and Dorothy West's novel, *The Wedding*. Professor Camille F. Forbes, Ph.D., an African American literature and culture expert from UCSD, will facilitate the discussions. The discussions will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, February 4 and March 11, respectively, in the Wangenheim Room on the third floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

In *Wine in the Wilderness*, a commentary on the black revolution, Childress focuses on characters separated by class, education, and political and cultural conditioning. Dorothy West's novel, *The Wedding*, which was made into a two-part television movie, tells the story of a daughter who embroils her elite family in scandal by choosing to wed a poor, white jazz musician.

Black Women Write Black Women allows a brief exploration of literary works that demonstrate the power associated with defining one-self. The importance of such works is evident, in this case, having allowed the characterization of the black woman to develop from images such as the faithful servant, hardworking matriarch or seductress, into a multi-dimensional human being.

City of San Diego Public Library cardholders who would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to read and discuss these works with a scholar and need copies of the books may pick them up in the Literature Section of the Central Library, or go online to place holds on the titles with their library account and PIN to have them sent to any San Diego Public Library branch.

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